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Welcome back. teachers

The Belle Chamber of Com-merce Leadership Glades and Palm Community Beach Community
Collge, Glades, are
sponsoring an informal coffee for returning teachers in Belle
Glade and South Bay.

The coffee will be held Tuesday, Aug. 18 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Dolly Hand Cul-tural Arts Center.

Glades Political Forum

Before you vote in the Sept. 1 state elec-tion or the Sept. 15 Belle Glade City elec-tion, you might want to check out the candi-dates.

The Glades Political Forum is set for Sunday, August 23, at 2 p.m. at the Glades Community Develop-ment Corporation, 425 West Canal Street, North, Belle Glade.

Citizens will have an opportunity to meet the candidates and ask questions. Re-freshments will be

To RSVP, call Jermaine Webb at 992-9500 or Myrtle Coulon at 996-5793.

Pahokee High

registration
Students in grades
7-10 will registrer
from noon to 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 17 Pahokee Middle S 17 at nior High School in the gymnasium.

Students entering the 11th or 12th grades should pick up their schedules on Monday from noon to 3 p.m. in the gymnasium from either Mrs.

m from either Mrs.
Hyneman or Ms.
McEntire.
Students entering
7th and 8th grades are
required to have the
Hepatitis B vaccine series, a second MMR and a tetanus/diph-

See BRIEFS/5

we went for a drive it was had news," said Mayor Weeks. And bad news it was. After learning about the business connection between Mr. Perez and Mr. Harrelle, the The news of Mr. Perez's arrest and the two res-

State attorney to probe wrongdoing by city officials

By Brenda Bunting
The state attorney's office has stepped in to help Belle Glade Police in the probe of key officials at city hall.
So far, only Sanitation Director Danny Perez faces charges of grand theft after police found over \$2,000 of city sheet metal and a \$200 tool box belonging to the city at Perez's home. The day after his arrest, his boss, Public Safety Director Genesismons, resigned, and on Frismons, resigned, and on Fri Simmons, resigned, and on Fri-day, Aug. 7, City Manager Lo-max Harrelle submitted his

At a Monday, Aug. 10 special meeting, com-missioners ac-cepted Mr. Har-relle and Mr. Simmons' resig-nations and annations and appointed Belle Glade Police Chief Michael Miller as interim Miller as city manager.

named current Facilities Administrator Mickey McGahee as the acting Sanitation Direc-



tor and Utilities Administrator Tommy Cone as acting Public Services Director.

Belle Glade Mayor, Stephen Weeks, spent Friday morning asking city employees to pray for the city, each other and the families affected by the scandal that has rocked this town of 18,000-20,000 residents. "I went there and just tried to

reassure the employees. This is



Lomax Harrelle

tion for every-one," he said.

ignations came Mr. Perez and Mr. Harrelle, the mayor called City Manager Lo-max Harrelle and they agreed it might be best for the city if Harrelle stepped down. Mayor Weeks said he did not ask for Mr. Harrelle's resignaas a shock to many of the 253 full and part time employees Iarrelle at time employees at city hall. When asked, several said they did not know about Mr. Perezs arrest until they read it in Thursday's paper.

Mayor Weeks said he was

ask for Mr. Harrelle's resigna-tion, but he did discuss with him that it looked very bad that he and Mr. Perez were do-ing business together in T & R Trucking, and some of the city's property was found on those business trucks.

"He offered his resignation"

"He offered his resignation,"

said Mayor Weeks. Mr. Harrelle is the registered

See CITY HALL/5

Herring, Wilkerson file for same seat on Belle Glade Commission

By Brenda Bunting

Editor
Daniel R. Herring filed Aug. 5 to run again for the seat he currently holds on the Belle Glade City Commission. On Monday, Aug. 10,
Mary Ross Wilkerson also filed for the seat Mr. Herring currently
holds. Following are profiles on both candidates.



Daniel R. Herring Mr. Herring, 40, of 1009 N.E. First Street, Belle Glade, is fin-ishing his first two year term on the commission

He says his first term on the commission has been a learning experience and it takes at least

experience and it takes at least that long to obtain the knowl-edge db effectively learn the ins and outs of city government. If feel as if I'm just gaining the knowledge. The city is facing some hard times," he said, tre-ferring to the recent shake up at city hall) and I'd like to be there to help. I'd like to be there to help. I'd like to be there to help in the selection of a new city managare."

manager."

He says most of the big projects the city is currently involved in were started before he took office two years ago, including the Belle Glade Business Park and the city's beautification project.

Park and the city's beautifica-tion project.
"I can't take credit for those,
ut I would like to be here to see
the completion of the business
park. I'm also very supportive of
the ongoing beautification project," he says.

M. Herron is a CPA at Husb.

mr. Herring is a CPA at Hugh H. Branch, Inc. He has lived in Belle Glade most of his life and he and his wife, Tina, have two boys, Daniel Jr., 15, and Michael,

He holds a BS Degree and an MBA from Troy State University and said he believes his financial background has been helpful to the city. The financial position and strength of the city has im-proved and I d'alike to be there to see more improvement," he said.



Mary Ross Wilkerson

Mary Ross Wilkerson Ms. Wilkerson, 46, has live

Mary Ross Wilkerson
Ms. Wilkerson, 46, has lived
in Belle Glade since she was 11
years old. She currently lives at
617 N.W. 14th Street.
This is her second attempt to
win a seat on the Belle Glade
City Commission. Last year,
she challenged Rodney "Clay"
Connell for his seat, losing by a
small margin.

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small margin.

Ms. Wilkerson is employed by
the Palm Beach County School
bistrict as a Social Services Facilitator. She also works part
time with Wackenhut Correctime with East was a continued to a
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of two sons and three grand-daughters. "I would like to see Belle Glade become ene of the most productive small towns in Palm Beach County," she said. "I'd also like to see more en-tertainment for young and old and a reduction in water bills," she added. "I know I can represent the citizens of our community and bring about a change for the better," she concluded.

The election will be held Sept. 15 at the fire department. Tonorrow is the last day for candidates to file for a seat on the commission. Harma Miller filed last week for the seat currently held by Dan Bythwood. Mr. Bythwood said he does not plan to run due to bad bealth. Renald C. Siyder also filed Thesday for the seat currently held by Dan Bythwood. Information in him will be in next weeks edition of The Sun.



told of the investigation of high ranking city employees and the arrest of Mr. Perez by Police Chief Michael Miller on Tues-

day, Aug. 4.

"He came to my office and said 'let's go for a drive.' I

THANK YOU CELEBRATION...Members of the Department of Revenue's Belle Glade Child Support Team held a funcheon on Monday, Ang. 3 to thank those citizens and agencies who have helped make the Belle Glade office a role model for the county. Those hon-ord were, front rou, from left Linda Johnson, Revenue Spec. Supervisor, Nichole Forde, Clerk Typist Spec., Jenny L. Mckinley, RS II, Hyacinth Wright, RS III and Al Royal, Program Operations Administrator. Back rous, from left are Sgt. Larry Lamb with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Dept, Deanna Garrett, RS II and Phil Prescott with the Sheriff's

Pahokee residents fight for emergency care facility

By Jennie M. Sears
Staff Reporter
A meeting was held Monday,
August 10 at the Shiloh Baptist Church irr Pahokee to discuss plans for opening an
emergency care clinic.
Members of PEACE (People
Engaged in Active Community
Efforts) gathered to express
their concern for the medical
status of the City of Pahokee.
Many were aingry that Glades
General Hospital in Belle
Glade is getting full and pa-Many were angy that Glades General Hospital in Belle Glade is getting full and patients are being transferred to other bospitals. Residents are demanding an emergency facility open in Pahokee to provide for the needs of Pahokee citizens. Robert Love, co-chair of Pahokee. Planhing Committee, said, "Everyone is comfortable with nothing. Someone must stand up and fight for what we want in our community. We al-

stand up and fight for what we want in our community. We already have a building for an emergency clinic, all we have to do is open it."

He later told the story of a friend who was being transported by ambulance to a hospital in West Palm and the am-

her husband was following be-hind and was able to take her the rest of the way. "If we would have our hospital things like this would not happen," would have like this would not happen, said Love.

City Manager, Ken Schenck has been working with resi-

bulance broke down. Luckily a dents of Pahokee to acquire an emergency care clinic

The Health Care District has approved funds to subsidize for a year of services. The clinic would be opened from 9a.m. to 11 p.m.

See EMERGENCY/5

Save Our Rivers

By Twila Valentine
In the 13th part of this seIn the 13th part of this sein the individual projects contained in this planning document, concentrating on the
various, projects associated
with the Kissimmee River
Restoration Project. These
projects are included the
South Florida Water Management District's 1998 Land
Acquisition and Management
Plan.

It includes all the individ-ual projects planned and which cover the district's 16-county area.

Kissimmee River (Upper

Thirteenth in a series

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Spanning Osceola, Polk
and Okeechobee counties,
this project covers nearly
32,000 acres, some of which
are conservation easements.
The entire Kissimmee Riv-

er Save Our Rivers Project includes lands in the Kissim-mee Chain of Lakes and along the Kissimmee River.

See RIVERS/2

Heat wave continues in U.S.

By Mike Lyons
It was known as one of the It was known as one of the greatest blasphemies ever directed against the state of Texas. It came from General Philip Sheridan, a native of New York, who was serving with the United States Army in Texas prior to the Civil War.

Sheridan who grow up in the

Texas prior to the Givil War. Sheridan, who grew up in the relatively cool summers of upstate New York, was spending his first sugamer in Texas. Needless to say, it was hot.—"If I owned Texas and all hell," he said one torrid afternoon. "I would rent out Texas and live in hell."

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Today most Texans would probably agree with Sheridan. The summer of 1998 has been incredibly hot - a prolonged period of record-breaking heat that shows no signs of ending anytime soon.

Since early June

anytime soon.

Since early June the temperature has topped 100 degrees in dozens of locations around Texas. Rain has been in short supply, too, prompting the gov-ernor to ask for federal disaster aid. Dozens of people have died with hundreds more re-

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quiring medical attention. It's been bad, but it's been

All Texas heat waves are now All Texas heat waves are now compared to the summer of 1980. From June through mid-July of that year, the weather in Texas was characterized by abundantly sunny skies and amazingly intense heat. The clear skies and unwaver-ing sunshine 'produced large evaporation rates leading to parched and cracked soils, de-pleted groundwater sunplies

pleted groundwater supplies and dry creek beds. Livestock and crop losses were staggering - over \$500

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million in northern Texas alone. A 25 percent reduction in grain sorghum yields was the largest in a quarter of a century in southern Texas. About 100,000 acres of corn and soybean were either lost or badly, damaged.

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The hot, dry weather affected big cities, too. In Houston, streets cracked and buckled under the fierce sunshine. Power consumption reached record levels as residents re-lied on fans and air condition-ing to keep cool.

Still, the temperature kept going up. The last week of June brought the hottest tempera-tures ever recorded in Dallas (113) and Wichita Falls (117).

Abilene. Austin. Dallas-Ft

(113) and Wichita Falls (117).
Abilene, Austin, Dallas-Ft.
Worth, El Paso and Houston
set records for the hottest July
in recorded history. In much of
northern Texas, the temperature shot above 100 degrees

ture shot above 100 degrees every day in July.

One way to measure the intensity and staying power of the 1980 heat wave is the record number of 100-degree days that Al Oliver echoed the words of General Sheridan in describing the hot weather. Oliver, a baseball player for the Texas Rangers, had just played his first night game in Texas.

his first night game in Texas.
"If hell is any hotter than
this," Oliver was quoted as saying, "I'd better get my act to-

Some residents might have onsidered Oliver's remarks ne second "greatest blasphemy every committed against Texas," but, like Sheridan's comment a hundred years ear-lier, no one disagreed.

Mike Lyons is the chief teatherman at WPBF-TV

Academicamp is set for Sat.

Academicamp is planned by Glades Community Development Corporation and Thomas E. Lockett.

The camp will be held Aug. 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is open to students and student-athletes in grades eight through 12 and their parents from Belle Glade, South Bay and Pahokee.

from Belle Glade, South Bay and Pahokee.

The mission of the camp, according to Mr. Lockett, is to "inform, inspire, motivate, and prepare students to improve their cacdemic performance now, to successfully graduate from high school and to attend and graduate from the college of their choice on an athletic and/or academic scholarship." The camp will be held at the Glades Community Development "Corporation, 425 West

ment Corporation, 425 West Canal Street, North, Belle Glade. This is the site of the former Glades Central Community High School.

For more information, call GCDC at 992-9500.

GAARC recognized for "Exemplary collaboration." Glades Area ARC Director Scot Kannel accepts a plaque from ARC Board President Donia Adams Roberts. The GAARC received the ork with the ARC of St. Lucie County, Inc. on behalf of individuals who are de

Glades farmers are funding more environmental efforts

At the annual meeting of the Environmental Protection District, Chairman John Schlechter announced that the group had contributed more than \$20 million toward envi-ronmental restoration efforts since the EPD's inception nearly 10 years ago.
The Environmental Protect

tion District was created in Oc-tober, 1989, by Everglades Agricultural Area farmers in response to escalating environ-mental concerns and the lack of focused spending on tightlytargeted restoration goals. This cial taxing district was created with the unanimous sup-port of all area landowners, with the farming taxes used to

with the farming taxes used to fund. environmental research and restoration efforts. "These taxes are levied solely for environmental purposes and are in addition to the agriand are in addition to the agri-cultural privilege tax levied by the Everglades Forever Act in 1994," Mr. Schlechter said. "We are already seeing the results that have come from farmers putting their own money on the line to solve environmental is-

The EPD has paid to bring into compliance sewage treat-ment plants serving South Bay, Belle Glade and Pahokee that were releasing nutrient-rich ef-fluent directly into the system. The Everglades Protection District was also instrumental in helping clean up water flowing into lake Okeechobee, more than meeting the government requirements. In addition, the EPD contributed more than a million dollars to begin the Everglades Nutrient Removal Project, the South Florida Water management District's suc-cessful prototype filter marsh that was the forerunner of today's Stormwater Treatment Areas that will filter farm and

The farmers' taxes have also funded research for On-farm Best Management Practices (BMPs) through the University of Florida's Institute for Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS). These BMPs have resulted in a more than 50 per-cent reduction in phosphorus leaving the farms. The farmers also have sponsored the first and most extensive nutrient re-search and replicated experi-ments inside the Everglades.

Conducted by Duke University Wetlands Center, this re-search is targeted to determine the causes for change in the Everglades and the role played by nutrients in that change. This research includes the first long-term, replicated dosing study where varying levels of nutrients are introduced into

urban run-off flowing into the Everglades ecosystem in a tightly-controlled manner withthe impacts observed and measured over a period of years.

The Environmental Protec-

tion District continues to fund ongoing BMP research as wel as research on water quality is sues related to hydro period and nutrient loading being per-formed by the Duke University Wetland Center. The district is also working in cooperation with the South Florida Water Management District to implement a program of research, testing, and best management practices addressing

quality standards.

"Farmers in the Everglades Protection District believe that the results of their efforts speak clearly of a successful and long term commitment to Everglades restoration," Mr. Schlechter concluded.

Save Our Rivers

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The project also contains the Kissimmee River restoration project, which encompasses land in the upper and lower basins and covers an estimated

Basins and covers an estimated 88,000 acres. The district's objective is to acquire lands necessary to ac-complish this restoration. This figure and the various project maps will be adjusted as sur-veys of the required areas are pleted.

completed.

In 1991, the district expanded the Kissimmee Upper Chain of Lakes to include 24,000 acres of the shoreline in the upper basin. This includes 6,933 acres that meet the qualifications of the SOR program and are not part of the Kissimmee River restoration project.

are not part of the Kissimmee River restoration project.

During 1997, the district acquired 2,135 acres. Real property interests have been acquired in more than 23,000 acres. The state owns an additional 1,700 acres.

The district wants to acquire real property interests to allow stages in these lakes to be raised from 52.5 to 54 feet. The Kissimmee River restoration

stages in these lakes to be raised from 52.5 to 54 feet. The Kissimmee River restoration project needs this additional water for year-round flows.

The district is working with an advisory committee, assisted by a professional facilitator, to establish goals for management public use of this project. The main objectives in managing these public lands are to ensure that the water resources, fish and wildlife populations, and native plant communities are maintained in an environmentally acceptable manner and are available for appropriate outdoor regreational activities consistent with their environmental sensitivity.

ty.

At the present time, about 12,300 acres of this land is leased to beef producers for grazing. District staff has estimated that about 200 acres will be controlled with prescribed burns. The report states that 1,000 acres need to be treated for ex-

otic plant control.

• Lake Lizzie
The Lake Lizzie Project covers about 1.100 acres in Osceo ers about 1,100 acres in Osceo-la County east of the town of St. Cloud. The project has frontage on three lakes; Lizzie, Trout and Bay. It also has road frontage on US Highway 192/441. This tract lies at the

192/41. This tract lies at the extreme south end of a much larger CARL project, known as the Upper Econ Mosaic, which covers 31,343 acres.

Large basin marshes/wet prairies connect directly to Lake Lizzie and Trout Lake. They provide important water management functions by containing storm runoff and slowly releasing it to the lakes. There releasing it to the lakes. There is good species diversity in the plant communities. Scrub arplant communities. Scrub areas are present, but they have been disturbed. This site is too small and cut up to provide extensive habitat for terrestrial wildlife, the report states. Combined with other projects in the same area, contiguous tracts will provide excellent habitat.

The hydraulic connection of a large portion of Towt I ake has

The hydraulic connection of a large portion of Trout Lake has been severed by an electric transmission line access and that also serves as the project's eastern boundary. Re-establishment of sheetflow could probably be accomplished relatively easily if stabilized swale crossings were installed.

The Lake Lizzie tract is cut up and urban development is

up and urban development is encroaching all around. Accordencroaching all around According to the report, this will make
prescribed burning difficult.
The understories in the upland
communities have grown up
and are in need of burning.
Some disturbance have occurred in the schub and other
upland sites. Bahia grass has
ben planted in most of the flat-

ben planted in most of the flat-wood areas.

The recreational value of this tract, on its own, would proba-bly be limited. The major vehic-ular access is through a resi-dential subdivision. There may be some use of the site by boaters on Lake Lizzie. Public use could increase dramatically if this becomes a part of larger acquisition.



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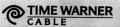
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Good nutrition can help combat stress

Modern Americans often fall prey to stress-related ailments. Stress can cause digestive problems, headaches and

insomnia Stress is the body's natural Stress is the body's natural reaction to perceived danger. It causes the body to prepare to fight or flee by increasing breathing, pulso rate and blood pressure. Levels of adrenatine increase. Once the danger passes, either through winning a fight or outrunning a fee, the body relaxes: But since modern residence are not insults solved. problems are not usually solved by physical combat or outrun-ning an enemy, the body can stay in the "ready to fight" stage too long, contributing to problems such as heart disease,



Elizabeth Somer offers tips on reducing stress through lifestyle changes and proper nutrition.

Those who suffer from stress-related problems are advised to

avoid tobacco, limit consump-tion of alcohol, get at least seven hours of sleep a night and exercise regularly. They are also advised to eat breakfast. (I keep telling you that your mother was right. I advise everyone to eat break-

fast, every day, whether you're under stress or not.)
U.S. Department of Agriculture researchers found that stress can cause a depletion in the minerals which help maintain the body's natural immune

system. under stress Those under stress are advised to consume more foods high in magnesium (bananas, low-fat milk and wheat germ) turkey).

The vitamins known as the antioxidants, including vitamin C and E are also helpful in com-

batting stress-related ailments The B vitamins are also "stress-busters." But be careful if taking vitamin supplements. Ms. Somer warns that large supplemental doses of B6 can be toxic. It's safer to get more of the B vitamins through con-suming foods such as bananas, avocados, fish, baked potatoes and dark green, leafy vegeta-

bles.
There is also a relationship between carbohydrate intake and stress. During times of stress, according to "Food and Mood," the body needs more complex carbohydrates to keep

the serotonin levels steady. Complex carbohydrates include whole grain breads, cereals and nasta.

to eat a low-fat diet, counsels Ms. Somer. A lot-fat diet stimulates the body's immune sys-tem. A high-fat diet makes you more susceptible to disease. One exception to the rule is the oil found in fish. Fish oils

might actually stimulate immunity.

immunity.

According to "The Nutrition
Bible," by Jean Anderson and
Barbara Deskins, the fish oil
known as omega-3 also helps
reduce the risk of heart disease. However, fish oil capsulesthould only be taken under a should only be taken under a doctor's supervision. Taking too much fish oil in capsule form can cause excessive bleeding and even stroke. It's much affer and healthier to simply eat the fish. Fish high in omega-3 include albacore tuna, cod, halibut, trout, salmon, mackerel and sea trout. Clams, crab, mussels, scallops and shrimp are also good sources of omega-3.

3. As always, if you are on any medication or under a doctor's care for any ailment, check with your doctor before making any dietary changes. Some foods affect the way the body metabolizes certain prescrip-tion drugs. For example, some heart patients are on medica-tion that can be sabotaged by dark green, leafy vegetables

New cartilage regeneration procedure offers first viable treatment for damaged knees A new procedure that regenerate know cartilage offers the first hope of a long term dure for athletes and other active people who have damaged the weight bearing, portion of a langer of the procedure was approved the knee to shift weight of the weight bearing, portion of a langer of the procedure was approved the same of a long term of the sample is patients can expect a long and bru deem to lab, where ever four recovery. Eight weeks on crutches is the norm, followed for use in othe knee to shift weight of the knee to shift weight of the same should be a langer of the same of the long to the knee to shift weight of the knee to shift weight of the same of the bones and provides a langer of the long to th

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a smooth gliding surface. The

articular cartilage on the end of the thigh bones bears the thigh bones bears the brunt of the weight in the knee When joint.

When this cartilage wears away, bone rubs against bone, causing pain

and the degeneration of arthritis. The articular cartilage can be damaged during sports or work by a nasty twist sports of work by a hasty twist-or turn, or by trauma, such as a car accident. The injury may leave a dime- or nickel-sized hole in the cartilage, which pro-duces sharp pain, swelling and restricted movement and can cause the knee to catch or lock

up.
"Our concern is that if you leave that damage atlone, even-tually the patient will develop degenerative arthritis," Pagnano says. "When the injury happens in someone in-their teens or 20s, in 20 years

their teens of 20s, in 20 years or so, you'll have someone fac-ing a knee replacement at a young age."

Until now, surgeons have only been able to drill into the bone to create scar tissue in the damaged area. But scar tissue

clean out the area and realign the knee to shift weight off the injury. Results from both options are usually short-lived.
"None of these techniques addresses the problem of the missing cartiage," Pagnano says. "Your body doesn't have the ability to regenerate new cartilage. It's not like bone, where when it breaks, your body makes new bone." body makes new bone.

But laboratory scientists have been able to do what the have been able to do what the body can't: grow new cartilage cells from a small sample of healthy cartilage. For patients, it's a two-step treatment. The first is an out-patient procedure to remove

weeks, the tissue is cultured to grow about 12 million cartilage cells, which are sent back to the surgeon in a vial of liquid. Implanting the regenerated cells involves open-knee cells involves open-knee surgery, and the patient spends at least one night in the hospi-tal. To hold the new cells in place, the surgeon first creates a tent over the damaged area from fibrous tissue taken from the shin. Once the tent is sewn the shin. Once the tent is sown in place, the cartilage cells are injected under it, and the patch is sewn up. The seam is made watertight with glue.

Although it only takes six hours or so for the cells to

crutches is the norm, followed by many more months of restricted activity for the affected knee. It takes up to two years for the cartilage to mature fully. "So it will proba-bly be two years before they can go back to sports that involve a lot of twisting and turning," Pagnano says.

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The procedure was approved by the Food and Drug Administration a year ago. It is not approved for use in other joints, such as the hips or shoulders. And while youth is shoulders. And while youth is not a progequisite, the procedure cannot be done in people whose knees are already eroded by arthritis. "If someone has been told he needs a knee replacement, it's probably beyond the point where this can help," Pagnano says.

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procedure The involves the procedure involves really in some healthy carti-lage and stading it to a lab, where the cartilage cells, called chandrocytes, are grown in cul-ture. The cultured cells are sent back to the surgeon and implanted into the damaged damaged they take pentually, they tak grow new cartilage.

cartiage arcting pro-cartiage in reconstructive pro-te to preyent disabling tits in young people," says ano, who completed the dimplant at Manualle in the we'll be a supported to the supported to supported the supported supported supported the supported supported the supported the supported cedure to arthritis in account implant at Mayo Jacksonyille in June. "Until now, we have had no good ontions to offer people who damage the weight-bearing artifage of the knee."

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This officer was was not on duty, because they were in civilian clothing and the officer drove from the Palm trees all the way to their house.

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We spoke with Pahokee Police Chief Skeets Salvatore who said he spoke with this officer. The officer said they normally use their personal vehicle to transport the child and the child's restraint seat was in the personal vehicle.

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She is my best friend and I feel if it werent for Henry Smith she wouldn't have made it. He was just there all the way and did a great job."

Caller has questions on city hall story

"I'm calling about the article on the front page of The Sun about the grand theft at the city. Now this is terrible. To have all that sheet metal and things stolen to have trucks repaired for those persons listed in

the paper.

Now I'm going to follow this story, because I want to find out what's going on and what will be done to these people who have been charged with grand theft. I would also like to know if Danny Peres is still on the job? Is his wife still on the job? She is a clerk or whatever she is at the City of Belle Glade.

would like to know what is really going on and if these people are going to be charged with the crime they have commit-

Thank you.

Editor's response: Only Danny Perez, the city's Sanitation Director, has been charged with grand theft. We must also remember that being charged with a crime and being convicted in a court of law are two different things. Danny Perez and his wife, Paula Perez, a financial analyst for the city, are on administrative leave while this investigation is being conducted. No charges have been filed against Paula Perez, City Manager Lomax Harrelle, (who resigned Friday, Aug. 7), nor Public Services Director Gene Simmons (who resigned Wednesday, Aug. 5.)
We are following this story closely and will keep our readers informed.

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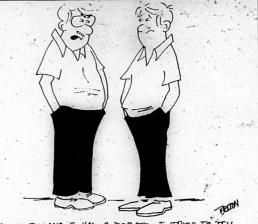
Don't stop here

"I've been following the Belle Glade City Hall story. I just have one thing to say. I really hope the investigation continues in ernest because I would hate to think that Danny Perez would become the fall guy

here.
It would be easy to stop here and let others, who are higher up, possibly get away with wrongdoing.
I'm not saying those who quit are guilty, I'm just expressing what I believe many Belle Glade citizens feel. We are worried that others who may be guilty of wrongdoing will get away without paying the price Mr. Perez is paying.
Let's get to the bottom of this and clean up our city government. We need to send a message that if you are corrupt and steal

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Thank you."



MY WIFE AND I HAD A DEBATE. I TRIED TO TELL HER WHAT I THOUGHT... SHE TOLD ME WHAT SHE THOUGHT AND SHE WON!"

Private automobile license tags would deter insurace fraud

By Randall G. Holcombe
The James Madison Institute
One of the risks Florida drivers face is the One of the risks Florida drivers face is the possibility of being involved in an automobile accident with an uninsured motorist. Although sa many as one third of Florida's automobiles are uninsured. The problem of uninsured motorists could be significantly reduced by privatizing the issuance of automobile license tags. Here's how the system would work. Insurance companies would issue license tags with their logos affixed, but would issue them only to automobile's they insured. If an automobile was

automobiles they insured. If an automobile was involved in an accident, the insurance company that issued the car's tag would be liable. Thus, police could tell at a glance if a car was unin-sured because it would have no tag, and it

would be easy for police to keep uninsured motorists off the road. Indeed, one can envision motorists with both insurance and cellular phones indignantly call-ing police to report sightings of cars without

Insurance companies would issue tags to Insurance companies would issue tags to their customers, and the insurance contract would be valid as long as the car had the company's tag. The company could, if it wanted, extend credit to an auto owner by allowing the owner to keep the tag despite falling behind on premium payments. To cancel the policy, the company would have to reclaim the tag. Car owners who refused to return their tags when asked would be guilty of theft, and obvi-

ously so would people who stole tags from some-one else to put on their cars. This potential problem would be minimized, however, because a stolen tag would only be useful if it were dis-

a stolen tag would only be useful if it were displayed in plain view on the thief's car, and
stolen property in plain view would be relatively easy to recover.

The revenues that car tag fees provide to government could be retained by applying a tax on
the tags insurance companies issue. Of course,
the tax could be much smaller than it is currently, because counties would no longer have
the expenses associated with collecting the tax
and issuing the tax themselves. Governments and issuing the tags themselves. Governments would have smaller expenses, but insurance companies would have little, if any, additional expense, reducing total costs for auto owners. Insurance companies already send proof of insurance documents to their customers, and their only extra burden would be to send license. plates at the same time.

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In general, privatization has the advantage that private firms tend to operate more efficiently thain government bureaucracies, and no doubt this would be true in auto licensing. But the saving in cost would be only a secondary benefit when compared to the advantage of greatly reducing the number of uninsured motorists on the road.

Randall G. Holcombe is DeVoe Moore professor of economics at Florida State University in Tallahassee and chairman of the James Madi-son Institute Research Advisory Council.

Misconceptions, lack of codes make lightning a threat to boaters

By Aaron Hoover University of Florida News When Fort Lauderdale marine surveyor David Pascoe discusses sailboats with

jor issue. When I do surveys for p When I do surveys for peo-ple buying boats and I tell them about lightning protec-tion, I get a 1,000-yard stare-it's like, What are you talking about?" he said.

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If this summer is like past summers, Florida will lead the nation in the number of days, with lightning activity, and lightning strikes will kill several residents. Yet many owners of the state's more than 750,000 registered vessels will leave docks in beats that are either unprotected or poorly protected from strikes, putting themselves in danger and the summer of the said of the said

professor of electrical and com-puter engineering, and two South Florida surveyors say the problem results partly from sailing enthusiast and power boaters' ignorance of, or misconceptions about, light-

But it also stems from a lack of codes requiring boat manu-facturers to install lightning protection systems, Thomson said.

No one keeps track of how much damage boats sustain from lightning each year, but marine surveyors agree costs likely total millions of dollars. Much of the damage results from ruined navigation, radio and other electronic equipment, said Pascoe, a maries surveyor for 30 years. Damage on boats he surveys typically ranges from \$10,000 to \$40,000 per boat, he said. Another Fort Lauderdale surveyor, Ted Crosby, said he looks into 10 to 15 lightning claims annually, with one recent claim totaling \$43,000 in damage.

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Tagedies occur on both sailboats and power boats, but lightning kills or injures more people on open boats because it is more likely to strike crew members when there is no

mast.
A 14-year-old Hollywood,
Florida boy was killed last
year after lightning struck
while he was aboard a small
open boat on a lake in Marion.
County, according to news
reports. Earlier this decade,

two Canadian sailors died from two Canadian sailors died from hypothermia in Canada after a lightning strike apparently blew holes in theire sailboat's hull and it sank, Thomson

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Most boaters know little about the dangers of lightning or lightning safeguards, Crosby said. The boaters themselves, for the most part, know diddly squat, he said.

Misconceptions, meanwhile, are not infrequent. For example, some sailing enthusiasts-believe grounding, a boat by running a wire from the mast to a connecting plate in the water increases its chances of being struck by lightning, Thomson said.

However, reports from marine surveyors do not support this contention, and grounding the mast is the best way to prevent lightning from sparking around the boat as it seeks a conducting path, Thomson said.

"If you don't ground the mast and lightning strikes the boat, it could kill people, it could sink the boat and it could cause a large amount of damage," Thomsons said.

Méanwhile, no federal or state laws require manufacturers to install lightning protec-

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LIGHTNING/FROM 4

water are not grounded or are improperly grounded. The surest way for boaters to avoid lighting is to avoid storms. Barring that, sailors should ground the masts on their boats using a No. 4 gauge copper wire connected to conductors in the water, Thom-son said. For saltwater boats, a 1-

foot metal plate will suffice, but freshwater boats require as a mini-mum a long metal strip along the bottom of the hull (freshwater does not conduct electricity as well as

Sailors should also ground the wire to other metal conductors in

the water, such as the prop.

People in open boats, meanwhile, should be especially wary of

If boaters cannot avoid the

storm, Thomson suggests mounting a lightning conductor - for example, a push pole - to attract lightning strikes.

Boaters should be certain the

conductor is well-grounded to the water, and they should take care to avoid contact with the conductor or the waterline.

Crimestoppers



Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Dwayne Jones, who is want-ed for two counts of battery and aggravated assault with deadly weapon and contempt

Jones is a black male, 5' 10", weighing 155 pounds. He has a tattoo on his right forearm. He also has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is October 27, 1969. His Social Security Number is 590-14-2583.
His last occupation was as a laborer and his last known address was 222 Dow Row Court, Pahokee.
His warrant was active as of August 4, 1998

August 4, 1998.

If you know the whereabouts If you know the whereabouts of Jones, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

South Bay Police Department arrest blotter Smith, 22, failure to appear

The South Bay Police Department made three arrests the week of August 3-9. Those arrested included:

August 3 - No arrests

on charges of burglary, misc. felony crime, obstruction of justice and assault.

August 5- No arrests made.

August 6 - James Demps,
August 4 - Robert Earl 18, aggravated battery.

August 7 - Norberto Ramos Jr., 34, failure to appear on charges of driving without a driver's license.

August 8 - No arrests made August 9 - No arrests

Pahokee Police Department arrest blotter

The Pahokee Police Depart-ent made 13 arrests the week of

August 3-9.
Those arrested included:
August 3 - Joseph McCants,
33, possession of an open alcoholic beverage; Bobby Robinson, Jr., 28, warrants for tampering with a witness and aggravated assault with intent to commit

a felony; Tammy Jo Weston, 31, warrant for failure to appear on charges of no drivers license. August 4 - Xavious Harris,

18, aggravated assault and criminal mischief; Elliott Boone, 41, trespassing after warning.

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theft and dealing in stolen prop-

August 7 - Juvenile, 15, session of a weapon on school

August 8 - Isaac Nelson III, 41, warrant for failure to comply with a judge's orders; Lasandi Fitzgerald, 18, aggravated battery with a deadly

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Belle Glade Police Department arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 529 complaints, worked 5 crime scenes and gave 22 traffic citations the week of

August 3-9.
Those arrested included:

August 3 - Alisha Hall, 23, two counts of failure to appear; Robert Oliver, 26, domestic bat-tery; Daniel Perez, 37, grand

August 4 - Juvenile, 16, aggravated assault with arm; Lucious Conerly, 18,

nas, 25, discharge of a firearm from a vehicle; Erilerito Gomez, 21, discharge of a firearm from a vehicle.

August 5 - Jan Jefferson, August b - Jan Jerrerson, 37, failure to appear, two counts of auto burglary and two counts of grand theft; Juvenile, 15, strong arm robbery and petty theft. August 6 - John Rymal, 25, aggravated stalking; Rufus Williams, 23, domestic battery; Popula Booth, 20 history.

August 7 - Randolph Miller, 45, trespassing and battery trespassing and ba enforcement office

nile, 12, pick up order; Juvenile, 15, retail theft; Adelene Jean, 44, burglary of a dwelling, grand

Editors note: The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated

Arrested persons who later found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and

Pahokee residents fight for emergency facility

EMERGENCY/From 1

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located in the doctors offices next to the nospital, out an opening date has not been set. Residents of Pahokee would like an emergency clinic, but are afraid that like other clinics, they will have to sit and wait for hours before they get service. Patsie Mae Williams, 69, has lived in Pahokee

Patise Mae Williams, 69, has lived in Pahokee most of her life. She was not happy when the hospital closed because she was a patient there. They treated me real good while I was there. It was very comforting to wake up and go to sleep seeing the same people and knowing you would betreated well, said Ms. Williams.

e the hospital closed, Ms. Williams has had to eek to Glades General Hospital in



Patsie Mae Williams, LaPorshanette Evans and Frankquetta Washington attended the Pahokee Planning Commit-tee meeting Monday, August 10 to show their support for the opening of an emer-gency care center.

Belle Glade to see her doctor and to take a relative who is being treated for asthma. Ms. Williams says that it has not been convenient for her. While speaking with other Pahokee residents, they also expressed the need for a medical facility in their

also expressed the need for a medical facility in town and the inconvenience it has caused them.

State attorney to probe wrongdoing by city officials

CITY HALL/From 1

agent for T & R Trucking, oper-ated from Danny Perez's home. Harrelle's wife, Susan, is listed as the president and secretary of the business and Danny Perez's wife, Paula, who is a financial analyst at city hall, is listed as the vice president and treasurer.

listed as the tree present of the process of the best of the tree where she and her husband are in the process of building a larger home. She is a former South Bay Police officer and currently a DARE officer in LaBelle. Mr. and Mrs. Pereg are on administrative leave from the

city while the investigation is going on. Police Chief Miller said Mr. Simmons, who lives in Wellington, returned some city property last week that he had 1992, has a salary of \$39,820 at his residence. It included at his residence it included at his residence it included at his residence. It included a lawn-mower, metal benches, a hired in November of 1995, weed eater and impact wrenches.

es.

The city commission voted Monday night, to pay both Harrelle and Simmons a month's severance pay and their unused sick leave days. Harrelle, with which was hired by the city in August of 1990, was making a salary \$82.188, plus use of city car. Public Services Director Gene Simmons, who was hired in

February of 1991, made \$53,093 a year.
City records show Danny Perez, who was hired in April of 1992, has a salary of \$59,820 and his wife, Paular who was hired in November of 1995, earns \$28,940.
Now, the city will be looking to fill the two positions vacated. Mayor Weeks said the city is a member of the City Manager's Association and he may draw from the pool of retired city managers to temporarily fill the vacancy left by Mr. Harrelle's resignation. Were going to go slow and not make any hasty decisions," said Mayor Weeks.

Sun Spots

BRIEFS/From 1

Computer volunteer

Computer vocunteer
needed

The West County Senior
Citizen Center, 2916 St. Road
15, Belle Glade, is seeking a
volunteer to teach the seniors
computer skills.

Administrator Effie McNair
said she is hoping someone in
the community will step forward to volunteer their services

To volunteer, call Mrs. McNair at 996-4808.

Glades area C.A.C.

employee's reunion
All Community Action
Council employees, either current or former, are invited to attend a reunion planning

attend a reunion planning meeting on Saturday, August 22 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the South Bay office of C.A.C. For additional information or to RSVP, contact either Betty Caldwell, Marry Allen, Claudette Clark, Robert Claudette Clark, Robert Walker, Pearlie Mae Taylor, Charlie Bell Cook or Autrie

Williams.

Covered dishes for the event will be appreciated.

School registration at Belle Glade Ele.

Registration for children attending school this fall at Belle Glade Elementary will be held August 13, 14, 17 and 18, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Kindergarten and new students to Palm Beach County will need to be five on or

will need to be five on or before Sept. 1, 1998 and bring their birth certificate, immu-nization records, proof of a physical within the past 12 months, a Social Security car, if possible, last year's report car, if available and proof of residency (rent receipt, utili-

ties, etc.)

Returning students will also need updates on their immu-nizations if available and address verification.

Benefit B-B-Q for Reba Davis

Friends of Reba Davis are hosting a benefit barbecue on Friday, Aug. 14 from 11 a.m.

Reba, who works at the Pahokee Flower Shop, is undergoing treatments for a medical condition. Friends say the treatments are expensive

the treatments are expensive and insurance coverage is not meeting the cost, so they are hosting the benefit. For a 86 donation, partici-pants can have a chicken or rib dinner with baked beans, cole slaw and bread. The dinners will be available at Food-land, 600 East Main Street or at Thriftway, 181 Rardin Ave.

Tickets are available at Foodland, Thriftway, the Pahokee Flower Shop, Pahokee Marina, Glen's Southern Oil, Bryant's Ace Hardware, or Video Movies, Inc.

Register for first term at West Tech

Registration for day and Registration for day and evening programs at West Technical Education Center, SR 715, Belle Glade, is now open. The nine-week term begins August 19 through October 23

For additional information, call 996-4907.

Education Fair set for PBCC

Palm Beach Community College's Glades Campus will host an Education Fair on

Saturday, Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Juniora and seniors from local high schools and their families are invited to this event, which includes a free lunch, entertainment and

The Education Fair will present information concerning the following topics, money for college (financial aid), career. opportunities, how to use the internet, PBCC programs and services and what everyone should know about college.

Registration at Glade

View is Aug. 14
Registration at Glade View
Elementary will begin on Aug.
14 or all grades. Only a parent or guardian will be allowed to register the student. Kindergarten and students new to the district must have

new to the district must have proof of a physical, up to date shot records, birth certificate, and proof of residence (light bill, water bill, etc.) For more information, call, 993-4035.

Fall registration at

Gove Elementary
Gove Elementary School
will have fall registration
through Tuesday, August 18.
Registration will be open from
10 a m until 2 n m

Only a parent or legal guardian may register the student and sign the registration form.

Students entering kinder-garten and students new to Palm Beach County schools must present the following: Proof of residency, which mu in the legal guardian's Acceptable proof of resi-

dence includes any utility bill; Proof of immunization on HRS Form 680, also known as the "Blue Card"; Physical, including a tuberculosis (TB) test; Birth Certificate.

For more information, call Gove Elementary at 996-4985.

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Caller has questions on city hall

story
"I'm calling about the article on the front page of The Sun about the grand theft at the city. Now this is terrible. To have all that sheet metal and things stolen to have trucks repaired for those persons listed in

Now I'm going to follow this story, because I want to find out what's going on and what will be done to these people who have been charged with grand theft. I would also like to know if Danny Perez is still on the job? Is his wife still on the job? She is a clerk or whatever she is at the City of Belle Glade.

I would like to know what is really going on and if these people are going to be charged with the crime they have commit

Editor's response: Only Danny Perez, the city's Sanitation Director, has been charged with grand theft. We must also remember that being charged with a crime and being convicted in a court of law are two dif-ferent things. Danny Perez and his wife, Paula Perez, a financial analyst for the city, are on administrative leave while this

city, are on administrative leave while this investigation is being conducted.

No charges have been filed against Paula Perez, City Manager Lomax Harrelle, (who resigned Friday, Aug. 7), nor Publis Cervices Director Gene Simmons (who resigned Wednesday, Aug. 5.)

We are following this story closely and will keep our readers informed.

Don't stop here

"I've been following the Belle Glade City Hall story. I just have one thing to say. I really hope the investigation continues in ernest because I would hate to think that Danny Perez would become the fall guy

It would be easy to stop here and let oth-rs, who are higher up, possibly get away with wrongdoing.

I'm not saying those who quit are guilty,

I'm not saying those who quit are guilty, I'm just expressing what I believe many Belle Glade citizens feel. We are worried that others who may be guilty of wrongdong will get away without paying the price Mr. Parez is paying.

Ir. Perez is paying.

Let's get to the bottom of this and clean up our citygovernment. We need to send a message that if you are corrupt and steal from the taxpayers, you won't get away

Thank you."

PETON MY WIFE AND I HAD A DEBATE, I TRIED TO TELL

Private automobile license tags would deter insurace fraud

HER WHAT I THOUGHT ... SHE TOLD ME WHAT SHE THOUGHT AND SHE WON."

By Randall G. Holcombe

The James Madison Institute
One of the risks Florida drivers face is the possibility of being involved in an automobile accident with an uninsured motorist. Although state law requires auto insurance, perhaps as many as one third of Florida's automobiles are uninsured. The problem of uninsured motorists could be significantly reduced by privatizing the issuance of automobile license tags

issuance of automobile license tags. Here's how the system would work. Insurance companies would issue license tags with their logos affixed, but would issue them only to automobiles they insured. If an automobile was involved in an accident, the insurance company that issued the car's tag would be liable. Thus, police could tell at a glance if a car was uninsured because it would have no tag, and it would be easy for police to keep uninsured motorists off the road.

Indeed, one can envision motorists with both

Indeed, one can envision motorists with both insurance and cellular phones indignantly call-ing police to report sightings of cars without

tags.

Insurance companies would issue tags to misurance companies would assue tags to their customers, and the insurance contract would be valid as long as the car had the company's tag. The company could, if it wanted, extend credit to an auto owner by allowing the owner to keep the tag despite falling behind on premium payments. To cancel the policy, the companies would have to receive the tag despite the tag.

company would have to reclaim the tag.

Car owners who refused to return their tags
when asked would be guilty of theft, and obvi-

ously so would people who stole tags from someously so would people who stole tags from some-one else to put on their cars. This potential problem would be minimized, however, because a stolen tag would only be useful if it were disa stoien tag would only be useful if it were dis-played in plain view on the thief's car, and stolen property in plain view would be rélative-ly easy to recover.

The revenues that car tag fees provide to gov-ernment could be retained by applying a tax on

the tags insurance companies issue. Of course, the tax could be much smaller than it is currently, because counties would no longer have the expenses associated with collecting the tax and issuing the tags themselves. Governments and issuing the tags themselves. Governments would have smaller expenses, but insurance companies would have little, if any, additional expense, reducing total costs for auto owners. Insurance companies already send proof of insurance documents to their customers, and their only extra burden would be to send license plates at the same time.

plates at the same time. In general, privatization has the advantage that private firms tend to operate more efficiently than government bureaucracies, and no doubt this would be true in auto licensing. But the saving in cost would be only a secondary benefit when compared to the advantage of greatly reducing the number of uninsured motorists on the road.

Randall G. Holcombe is DeVoe Moore profesor of economics at Florida State University is Tallahassee and chairman of the James Madi son Institute Research Advisory Council

Misconceptions, lack of codes make lightning a threat to boaters

By Aaron Hoover University of Florida News When Fort Lauderdale marine surveyor David Pascoe discusses sailboats with prospective buyers, he can bet they'll never ask about one

ajor issue. "When I do surveys fo "When I do surveys for peo-ple buying boats and I tell them about lightning protec-tion, I get a 1,000-yard stare-it's like, What are you talking about?" he said.
If this summer is the

about?" he said.

If this summer is like past
summers, Florida will lead the
nation in the number of days
with lightning activity, and
lightning strikes will kill several residents. Yet many ownresults. The many own-ers of the state's more than 750,000 registered vessels will leave docks in boats that are either unprotected or poorly protected from strikes, putting themselves in danger and themselves in danger and exposing equipment on their beats to damage or destruc-tion, according to a University of Florida dightning expert and marine surveyors in the state. Ewen Thomson, an associate professor of electrical and com-puter engineering, and two South Florida surveyors say the problem results partly

the problem results partly from sailing enthusiast and power boaters' ignorance of, or misconceptions about, light-

But it also stems from a lack of codes requiring boat manu-facturers to install lightning protection systems, Thomson

No one keeps track of how much damage boats sustain from lightning each year, but marine surveyors agree costs likely total millions of dollars. Much of the damage results from ruined navigation, radio and other electronic equip-ment, said Pascoe, a marine ment, said Pascoe, a marine surveyor for 30 years. Damage on boats he surveys typically ranges from \$10,000 to \$40,000 per boat, he said. Another Fort Lauderdale sur-Another Fort Lauderdale surveyor, Ted Crosby, said he looks into 10 to 15 lightning claims annually, with one recent claim totaling \$43,000 in damage.

in damage.

Tragedies occur on both sailboats and power boats, but lightning kills or injures more, people on open boats because it is more likely to strike crew members when there is no

mast.
A 14-year-old Hollywood,
Florida boy was killed last
year after lightning struck
while he was aboard a small
open boat on a lake in Marion
County, according to news
reports. Earlier this decade.

adian sailors died from two camadian sanors dea nom-hypothermia in Canada after a lightning strike apparently blew holes in theire sailboat's hull and it sank, Thomson

Most boaters know little the dangers of lightning about the dangers of lightning or lightning safeguards, Cros-by said. "The boaters them-selves, for the most part, know diddly squat," he said. Misconceptions, meanwhile, are not infrequent. For exam-ple, some sailing arthweisets

ple, some sailing enthusiasts believe "grounding" a boat by running a wire from the mast to-a connecting plate in the water increases its chances of being struck by lightning,

being struck by lightning, Thomson said.

However, reports from marine surveyors do not sup-port this contention, and grounding the mast is the best way to prevent lightning from sparking around the boat as it seeks a conducting path. Thomson said.

"if you don't ground the mast and lightning strikes the boat, it could kill people, it could sink the boat and it could cause a large amount of dam-age," Thomson said,

Meanwhile, no federal or state laws require manufacturers to install lightning protec-

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LIGHTNING/FROM 4

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water are not grounded or are improperly grounded.

The, surest way for boaters to avoid lighting is to avoid storms. Barring that, sailors should ground the masts on their boats using a 0 No. 4 gauge copper wire connected to conductors in the water, Thom-en sail. Eve althrotte beats a 1 son said. For saltwater boats, a 1-

foot metal plate will suffice, but freshwater boats require as a mini-mum a long metal strip along the bottom of the hull (freshwater does nduct electricity as v

storm, Thomson suggests mount-ing a lightning conductor - for example, a push pole - to attract lightning strikes. Boaters should be certain the should also ground the conductor is well-grounded to the water, and they should take care to avoid contact with the conductor or the water, such as the prop. vire to other metal conductors in

People in open boats, mean-while, should be especially wary of

Sun Spots

BRIEFS/From 1

Computer volunteer

needed
The West County Senior
Citizen Center, 2916 St. Road 15, Belle Glade, is seeking a volunteer to teach the seniors computer skills. Administrator Effic McNair

said she is hoping someone in the community will step for-ward to volunteer their ser-

To volunteer, call Mrs. McNair at 996-4808.

Glades area C.A.C.

employee's reunion All Community Action Council employees, either cur-rent or former, are invited to attend a reunion planning meeting on Saturday, August 22 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the South Bay office of C.A.C.

For additional information or to RSVP, contact either Betty Caldwell, Marry Allen, Claudette Clark, Robert Walker, Pearlie Mae Taylor, Charlie Bell Cook or Autrie Williams

Covered dishes for the event will be appreciated

School registration at Belle Glade Ele.

Registration for children attending school this fall at Belle Glade Elementary will be held August 13, 14, 17 and 18, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

18, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Kindergarten and new students to Palm Beach County
will need to be five on or
before Sept. 1, 1998 and bring
their birth certificate, immumization records, proof of a physical within the past 12 months, a Social Security car, if possible, last year's report car, if available and proof of residency (rent receipt, utili-

Returning students will also need updates on their immu-nizations if available and address verification.

Benefit B-B-Q for Reba Davis

Friends of Reba Davis are hosting a benefit barbecue on Friday, Aug. 14 from 11 a.m.

to 4 p.m.

Reba, who works at the Reba, who works at the Pahokee Flower Shop, is undergoing treatments for a medical condition. Friends say the treatments are expensive and insurance coverage is not

meeting the cost, so they are hosting the benefit.

For a \$6 donation, participants can have a chicken or rib dinner with baked beans, cole slaw and bread. The dinners will be available at Food-

ners will be available at Food-land, 600 East Main Street or at Thriftway, 181 Rardin Ave. Tickets are available at Foodland, Thriftway, the Pahokee Flower Shop, Paho-kee Marina, Glen's Southern Oil, Bryant's Ace Hardware, or Video Movies, Inc.

Register for first term at West Tech

Registration for day and evening programs at West Technical Education Center, SR 715, Belle Glade, is now open. The nine-week term begins August 19 through October 23.

For additional information call 996-4907

Education Fair set for PBCC

Palm Beach Community College's Glades Campus will host an Education Fair on

Saturday, Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Juniors and seniors from local high schools and their families are invited to this event, which includes a free lunch, entertainment and campus tours

The Education Fair will pro sent information concerning the following topics, money for college (financial aid), career opportunities, how to use the internet, PBCC programs and services and what everyone should know about college.

Registration at Glade

Registration at Glade View is Aug. 14 Registration at Glade View Elementary will begin on Aug. 14 or all grades. Only a parent or guardian will be allowed to register the student. Kindergarten and students new to the district must have

proof of a physical, up to date shot records, birth certificate, and proof of residence (light bill, water bill, etc.)

For more information, call 993-4035.

Fall registration at Gove Elementary

Gove Elementary School will have fall registration through Tuesday, August 18. Registration will be open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Only a parent or legal guardian may register the student sold by the control of the c

student and sign the registra tion form

Students entering kinder-garten and students new to Palm Beach County schools must present the following Proof of residency, which must be in the legal guardian's

Acceptable proof of resi dence includes any utility bill, Proof of immunization on HRS Form 680, also known as the "Blue Card"; Physical, including a tuberculosis (TB) test; Birth Certificate.

For more information, cal Gove Elementary at 996-4985

Crimestoppers



Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Dwayne Jones, who is want-ed for two counts of battery and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and contempt of court

Jones is a black male, 5' 10". weighing 155 pounds. He has a tattoo on his right forearm. He also has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is October 27, 1969. His Social Security Number is 590-14-2583.

His last occupation was as a laborer and his last known address was 222 Dow Row Court, Pahokee.

His warrant was active as of August 4, 1998

If boaters cannot avoid the

August 4, 1998 If you know the whereabouts

of Jones, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

South Bay Police Department arrest blotter

The South Bay Police Smith, 22, failure to appear epartment made three on charges of burglary, misc. Department made three arrests the week of August 3-9.

Those arrested included: August 3 - No arrests

August 4 - Robert Earl

felony crime, obstruction of ault

August 5- No arrests made August 6 - James Demps, 18, aggravated battery. August 7 - Norberto Ramos Jr., 34, failure to appear on charges of driving hout a driver's license.

August 8 - No arrests made. August 9 - No arrests

Pahokee Police Department arrest blotter

The Pahokee Police Depart-ment made 13 arrests the week of

August 3-9.
Those arrested included

August 3 - Joseph McCants, 3, possession of an open alco-olic beverage; Bobby Robinson, Jr., 28, warrants for tamper ing with a witness and aggravat-ed assault with intent to commit a felony; Tammy Jo Weston, 31, warrant for failure to appear on charges of no drivers license.

August 4 - Xavious Harris,

18, aggravated assault and criminal mischief; Elliott Boone, 41,

nal mischief, Elliott Boone, 41, trespassing after warning, August 5 · Elliott Boone, 41, trespassing after warning; Ola Mae Thompson, 59, petty theft. August 6 · Raymondo Vick-ers, 35, warrant for failure to appear on charges of lewd assault/sex act with a child and a warrant for failure to appear on charges of aggravated battery, John McAllister, 56 grand theft John McAllister, 56, grand theft auto; Ricky Fields, 35, petty

theft and dealing in stolen prop-

August 7 - Juvenile, 15, pos session of a weapon on school property.

August 8 - Isaac Nelson III, 41, warrant for failure to comply with a judge's orders; Lasandi Fitzgerald, 18, aggravated battery with a deadly

August 9 - No arrests made

Belle Glade Police Department arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Departworked 5 crime scenes and gave 22 traffic citations the week of August 3-9.

Those arrested included: ment handled 529 complaints,

August 3-9.
Those arrested included:
August 3 - Alisha Hall, 23,
two counts of failure to appear,
Robert Oliver, 26, domestic battery; Daniel Perez, 37, grand

August 4 - Juvenile, 16, aggravated assault with a firearm; Lucious Conerly, 18, battery and lewd act upon a child under 16 years of age; Juan Salinas, 25, discharge of a firearm from a vehicle; Erilerito Gomez. 21, discharge of a firearm from a

August 5 - Jan Jefferson, 37, failure to appear, two counts of auto burglary and two counts of grand theft; Juvenile, 15, strong

grand theft; Juvenile, 15, strong arm robbery and petty theft. August 6 - John Rymal, 25, aggravated: stalking; Rufus Williams, 23, domestic battery; Ronnie Booth, 20, battery. August 7 - Randolph Miller,

45, trespassing and battery on a law enforcement officer; Juve-

nile, 12, pick up order; Juvenile, 15, retail theft; Adelene Jean, 44, burglary of a dwelling, grand

Editors note: The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated

Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and

Pahokee residents fight for emergency facility

EMERGENCY/From 1

on weekdays and five hours each weekend day. Since the closing of Everglades Regional Hospital, residents of Pahokee have had to travel 15 to 30 miles to the nearest hospital. Residents say that of day, 30 miles might be too far.

any, so miles might be too tar.

City Manager Schenck agreed with residents that

Pahokee does need the hospital back, but that will

not happen over night. "Right now the opening of the not nappen over night. Teght now the opening of the hospital is out of our hands until it gets out of bankruptcy court, "said Schenck. Plans are underway to open an emergency care center which will be located in the doctors offices next to the hospital, but no pening date has not been set.

Residents of Pahokee would like an emergency direct of the court of the court

Residents of Pahokee would like an emergency clinic, but are afraid that like other clinics, they will-have to sit and wait for hours before they get service. Patsie Mae Williams, 69, has lived in Pahokee most of her life. She was not happy when the hospi-tal closed because she was a patient there. They treated me real good while I was there. It was very comforting to wake up and go to sleep seeing the same people and knowing you would be treated well, said Ms. Williams. Since the hospital closed, Ms. Williams has had to travel twice a week to Glades General Hospital in



Patsie Mae Williams, LaPorshanette Evans and Frankquetta Washington attended the Pahokee Planning Committee meeting Monday, August 10 to show their support for the opening of an emer-gency care center.

Belle Glade to see her doctor and to take a relative

bene onace of see ner doctor and to take a relative who is being treated for asthma. Ms. Williams says that it has not been convenient for her. While speaking with other Pabokee residents, they also expressed the need for a medical facility in their town and the inconvenience it has caused them.

State attorney to probe wrongdoing by city officials

CITY HALL/From 1

agent for T & R Trucking, ated from Danny Perez's home. Harrelle's wife, Susan, is listed as the president and secretary of the business and Danny Perez's wife, Paula, who is a financial analyst at city hall, is listed as the vice president and

treasurer.
Mrs. Harrelle lives in LaBelle Mrs. Harrelle lives in LaBelle where she and her husband are in the process of building a larger home. She is a former South Bay Police officer and currently a DARE officer in LaBelle. Mr. and Mrs. Perez are on administrative leave from the

city while the investigation is going on. Police Chief Miller said Mr. Simmons, who lives in Wellington, returned some city property last week that he had at his residence. It included a lawn mower, metal benches, a weed dater and impact wrench-es.

weed eater and impact wrenta-es.

The city commission voted Monday night to pay both Har-relle and Simmons, a month's severance pay and their unded sick leave days. Harrelle, who was hired by the city in August of 1990, was making a salary of \$82,168, plus use of city tar. Public Services Director Gene-Simmons, who was hired in

February#of 1991, made \$53,093

Februarysof 1991, made \$53,093 a year.
City records show Danny Perex, who was fired in April of 1992, has a salary of \$39,820 and his wife, Papera, who was hired in November of 1995, earns \$28,940.
Now, the city will be looking to fill the two positions vacated.
Mayor Weeks said the city is a member of the City Manager's to temporarily fill the vacancy left by Mr. Harrelle's managers to temporarily fill the vacancy left by Mr. Harrelle's resignation. Were going to go slow and not make any hasty decisions," said Mayor Weeks.

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Orsenigo completes **HPWP** scholarship program



Susie Orsenigo

Sixteen elementary and secondary education teachers from throughout easieren New Mexico, western Texas and Florida recently completed the High Plains Writing Project at Eastern New Mexico University.

Susic Orsenigo of Belle Glade was among those

Susie Orsenigo of Belle Glade was among those selected for this year's HPWP scholarship program. She teaches science at Engle Academy in Belle Glade.

All participants spent four weeks on the main rampus of Eastern New Mexico University and received six hours of graduate credit upon completion of the program.

gram.

Teachers participated in an intensive four-week process writing program in which they explored new and innovative ways to chaldren in their classrooms. Among activities introduced in the program were extensive presentations and demonstrations during from our with writing response groups and other pertivities

scheduled throughout the

day. ."All "All activities were designed to give participants access to a wide range of writing philosophies and ideas which we nope will improve their teaching tech-niques," said Dr. Marian Matthews, HPWP co-direc-

Co-director Nell Jones coordinated - published authors as special guests of the HPWP. Teachers had opportunities to opportunities to meet Albuquerque author Eleanor Schick, a published author and artist of children's liter-ature, Nancy Robinson Masters, noted author of short stories, children's books, magazine articles, and how-to-get published books, and Elsie Karr books, and Elsie Karr Kreischer, a published author of children's litera-ture, and co-founder of Southwest Writers Workshop. Matthews noted that all

Matthews noted that all activities help teachers implement, aworkshop-type approach that encourages long-term involvement with peer-modeling and support. This marks the seventh year for the High Plains Writing Project, which is funded through a grant from the National Writing Project. The other components of the budget are the Friends of Eastern Foundation and Eastern. New Mexico University.

Everglades Pioneer Rev. Mrs. Miriam Dulany of Belle Glade, celebrates her 97th birthday, Aug. 15, 1998.

A five generation picture was recently taken in honor of her birthday. With Mrs. Dulany is her daughter Mrs. Gloria Smith, granddaughter Mrs. Gloria Lively, both

of Belle Glade, great-grand-daughter Mrs. Christy Hen-dricks, and great great grandson Griffin Hendricks, both of Atlanta.

Pahokee Rotary Club holds Annual Meeting



Dale Morris, Outgoing President, inducting Donia Roberts, as In-coming President. Ms. Roberts is the first female to be President in the Pahokee Rotary Club. Other incoming 1998-99 officers: Ken Law, Vice-President; Elizabeth

Rotary Cruo.
Other incoming 1998-99 officers: Ken Law, Vice-President; Elizabeth
Hernandez, Treasurer; Craig Corbly, Board of Director; Maria Horta,
Board of Directors, and Foster Romero, Board of Directors.

(Not pictured) Rotarian of the Year

(Upper & Lower right) Paul Harris Fellowship Awards from the Foundation of Rotary International were presented to: Elizabeth Hernandez and

to: Elizabeth Hernandez and Foster Romero. Rotary presented a checks to the Glades Area for Retarded Citizens(ARC) for \$250; Boy Scouts \$200; and Junior Achievement \$300.



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Elizabeth Hernande



Foster Romero

A growing epidemic: Teen suicide



On a September day in 1993, 15-year-old Ana Martinez called her mother at work. "I just called to tell

you so much," Ana said. "I love you, you so much," Ana said. "I love you too, honey. I'm a little busy now. Can I call you right back" her mother asked. "No, you don't have to," Ana answerd. "I'm going to lie down and sleep." When her father got home, he found his daughter hanging from a pole inside the family's backgraf shed. Ana had killed herself.

Across the United Control of the self.

Across the United States, an epidemic of teenage suicide is claiming the lives of more and more young people. From 1980 to 1995, the suicide rate among children aged 10-14 has jumped 120 percent. While suicide rates are generally highest in white males, they are increasing

among young ethnic females.

Experts don't have all the answers to what is happening to our teens. Still, they know that our teens. Still, they know that many young people feel worth-less and helpless. Some rebel, even violently, to hide their feel-ings. There are warning signs, though not everyone shows them: changes in personal appearance or behavior, giving away traces in a away treasured possessions, depression, a history of suicide attempts, talking about commitvay treasured posse

ting suicide.

So what do you do if a young person - or a person of any age -seems to be threatening suicide? At the outset, when you are dealing with a suicidal person,

remember you are dealing with an individual who has lost the ability to cope. Whatever the

cause, the suicidal person needs to talk to someone about their self-destructive thoughts and actions. That presents a problem for most of us, because we do not react well to someone who talks about depression, anger or sense of loss. We usually feel obliged to

about depresson, anger or sense of loss. We usually feel obliged to her that person up or talk him or her out of it. You can't. Easy reassurances like "it's only a phase," or "you'll fell better tomorrow after a good rest" accomplish nothing.

On the other hand, some of us may be so overwhelmed by the sin of suicide, that we might react with horror: "But you'll go to hell if you commit suicide!" This is no time to debate issues of right or wrong. That just puts the burden of talking them out of it on you. Simply tell the person straight away that you do not know all the answers. You are not at therapist nor a counselor, not a therapist nor a counselor.

but you can listen.

The fact is, people who talk about killing themselves are relieved to find semeone who is not scared to discuss their suici-

It's gonna snow in August! It's gonna snow in August! Bring your child (16 years and under) to the RCMA New Hope CDC, 7450 State Road 15, US 441, Pahokee, on Saturday, August 15 beginning at 10 am. till the snow melts. All children most be conti-

lts. All children must be with an

adult.

There will be lots and lots of snow to cool off in so bring a towel and dress your child in clothes that can get wet. Don't forget your cam-

dal inclinations. Talking openly about suicide does not influ person to go ahead with it. It has just the opposite effect. Giving someone permission to air their feelings in a frank and caring conversation helps ease their burden and takes away some of the topic's taboo. Be non-judg-mental. Offer hope that alterna-tives are available. Show your support, but avoid promises of

secrecy.

Then encourage the potentially suicidal person, young or old, to get professional assistance from a mental health agency or crisis center, family doctor, therapist, or school counselor. If they refuse, get in contact yourself and ask for advice in how to handle, the situation.

People matter. Not some people some of the time, but all people some of th

ple some of the time, but all peo-ple all of the time. Even if we don't think so, God does. Our merciful Father wants each of us. His children, to cherish ourselves as He does: "Because you are pre-cious in My sight, and honored, and I love you." (Isaiah 43:4)

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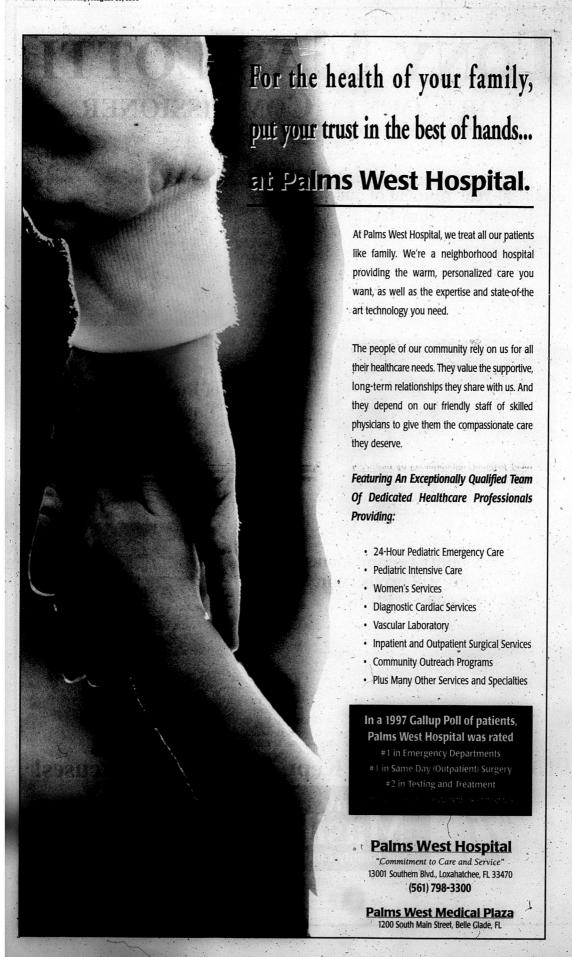
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Sports This Week

Hey Coaches! The Sun can't write about it if we don't know about it. Please call Philip Korn at (561) 996-4404 with schedules and results



Head Gator, Coach Pete Walker and aquatic friend

It's Getting Louder! Let's Talk Football!

The fifth in a six part series covering all the local high school teams and personalities

jators

"SEIZE THE DAY

By Philip Korn Sports Editor

stalking prev in Silently stalking its unknowing prey in the shallowest of swamp waters, the alligator waits for the precise moment to pounce, jaws agape, with lightning speed and undaunting accuracy. Revered and respected as one of nature's most efficient and potent hunters, this same creature is also a valued prey, posing a life-and-death challenge to the bravest of hunters.

Let's bring this dry-dock to the Belle Glade campus of the Glades Day Gators, one of the perminal small-school football powers in the state. Silently

perennial small-scl powers in the state.

"Seems like we have a target Seems like we have a target on our back, the way our opponents raise their level of play when facing us, shares Head Coach Pete Walker, "It makes our need for preparation and team discipline that much more essential."

So, we have a local team that so, we have a local team that prides itself on contending for the State Championship year after year, also playing the role of marker against which all other teams can base their year and quality of play. It is, indeed, a difficult resistion that of hunand quality of play. It is, indeed, a difficult position, that of hun-ter and prey. But, hey, these are the Gators we're talking about. Let's see what's lurking in the

The Signal Caller

The Signal Caller
Heading up the green and
gold offense this year will be
first-year starter, sophomore
Kyle McNamara. Moving on
from a successful J.V. campaign,
McNamara has all the tools
essential in leading-the Gator
Offense. This kid's a passer,
states Coach Walker. 'He's extremely
accurate, has good quickness,
real smarts and leadership
ability.'
His size, at 5' 10" and 160

ability."
His size, at 5' 10" and 160 pounds, might make it difficult for Kyle to see over his offensive line and get a clear view of the passing lanes, but Walker has the solution for this, as he plans a lot of roll-out, bootleg and option plays to clear his quarterback's field of vision and keep opposing defenses off

balance.

Opposing squads will surely smell blood in the water and will seek to pressure McNamara when he drops back to pass, as well as mix up their defensive fronts and zone schemes in an

shifts a heavy load of responsibility to the balance of the offensive squad, as they'll need to nurture McNamara with superior pass blocking and an effective running game.

Chomp, Chomp

No better remedy for breaking in a new quarterback than a running game that can chew up yardage on demand. Coach Walker feels he's got that

at his disposal this year as he brings man-child James brings man-child James Holman into the mix as starting tailback. In looking at Holman, I get the feeling I last had when watching former NFL great Eric Dickerson play. At 6' 1, and 210 pounds, this kid possesses incredible size and muscularity. Look for Holman to attract gang tackling on every play, and watch for him to turn what may initially seem to be short yardage bursts into game - and back - breaking rumbles down

field.

Accompanying Holman in the starting backfield will be returning starter, fullback Jimmy Dobson. Walker says that, as a slashing runner, Dobson's "hard running" skills Dobson's "hard running" skills and excellent hands will be an excellent change of pace to accent Holman. Though only 5'8", 175 pounds, Holman "really plays big," according to the

coacn.

It'll be interesting to see the Glades Day running game develop, as it is rare for an offense to feature a tailback significantly larger than his fullback escort. This will make it very difficult for opposing defenses to key on one particular back in their preparation to stop

Out Wide

McNamara's primary target this year should be one Mr. Jake Davis. Coach Walker describes Davis. Coach Walker describes Davis as "a real precision route runner who can stretch the defense if played tight." Davis is the "hands of glue" guy on this team, and this, coupled with his 4.6 speed, will make him a huge contributor to the Gator offen ns that Davis plays the le as both the short yardage deep threat, but that doesn't ean that he's on his own. In fact, the Gators boast an

In fact, the Gators boast an excellent receiving corp that will include Boo Baez at the other flanker position and Tito Maribell at tight end. Both these players are sure handed, well disciplined and dependable, ingredients essential to breaking in a new quarterback. Look for the Gator passing game to concentrate on moving the chains this year, taking what the defense gives them until the deep-field opens up for the long

Baez and Maribell should be flooding zones in the possession-passing game, opening up the deeper routes for Davis, or ring the flats for the backs to as they flare out of

Success in the short passing Namara, giving him fidence to open it up and test deep routes game will do wonders for McNamara, giving him

Get Plenty Of Bulk

In Your Diet
Rest assured, there's plenty of
bulk and playing experience
along the offensive front for this

effective group. "It's going to be an even better unit from last year," Walker explained, referring to the additional experience along the front and what he feels is an upgrade at the right guard position. The Gators return Josh Kannel at right tackle, Jonathan Lively at center, Donnie Scruggs at left guard and Josh Braddock at left tackle. Rounding out the unit will be new addition Brian Allison at right guard. Derrick

Lamb will provide skilled backup at the center position.

These guys are all a bunch of grinders, and the Gator offense will look to wear down opponents with a consistent, punishing running grow. punism, will help punishing running game. This will help to ease the flow of the offense and allow McNamara time to get the feel for the

Bricks In The Wall

The front line, defensive wall of "pain" for this year's Gator squad is big, mobile, agile and hostile. Starting defensive ends Brian Allison and Larry squat is big, monie, agine and hostile. Starting defensive ends Brian Allison and Larry Barnes give the Gator wall speed-and-contain pinchers from the outside, while tackles Rusty Hyslope and Josh Kannel provide true stopping force in Hyslope and Josh Kannel provide true stopping force in the middle. These guys have all seen significant action in the pits before and pride themselves on a dirty job, well done. They're good and getting better every day," Coach Walker says, reflecting on the D line's commitment to summer weight training ment to summer weight training and conditioning. This will surely pay huge dividends, as the Gator front has many twoway starters, a grueling respon-sibility, and one that requires top-flight physical conditioning.

on-field requires that Crawford "lead by example," according to Walker, and it seems that Josh is certainly up to the task. Crawford's got a nose for the ball, which enables him to flow to the play with ease, invariably getting that same nose in on the tackle

tackle.

Complementing Crawford will be the force and desire of Jeremy Fountain, the plug at middle linebacker, and Donnie Scruggs, the remaining bookend at the other outside linebacking

The Gator linebackers should be very effective in pass defense this year, as well being packaged this year, as well being packaged actively into blitzing schemes. They'll also be active in rounding up whatever stray ball carriers manage to make it past the front line. Though smallalish in size, the Gator linebackers are going to loom large this year as a result of strong play from the defensive front. Gator backers will have a dear run at opposing quarterbacks, as well as have freedom to plug gaps and holes quarterbacks, as well as have freedom to plug gaps and holes as they, appear, at the line of scrimmage. This, in itself, is the living manifestation of Coach Pete Walker's emphasis on team play and strategy. Little fish contributing equally to the balanced ecosystem of the big prod.

any success the Gater offense will have this year, for as the most veteran gear in the offensive machine, the wars will be won or lost on the front line. An effective running game will eat up the clock through ball control, and draw the secondary up tight to the line of scrimmage for run support. This will open up more passing lanes for up more passing lanes for McNamara, as well as put his ceivers into one-on-one werage, facilitating big

gainers.

Pass protection offered by these behemoths should be superb, as they are all quick and have excellent balance. McNamara should have adequate time and field of vision to locate and bit his receivers downfield, enabling the Glades Day offense to run efficiently, if not spectaruly, if

Walker plans to keep his line fresh by incorporating J.
Miller and Derrick Allisc
into a fluid six-man rotation along the front, giving everybody significant playing time and

experience.

The defensive front will be depended upon to keep the depended upon to keep the opposing offensive front off of the small, but quick and extremely talented group of Gator linebackers. If the line has, trouble occupying their offensive counterparts, then the lack of size in the Gator linebacking corp will come into the control of the control of

The Brains Of The

Operation
Josh Crawford, who is described by Coach Pete Walker as "a student of the game" will be leading the linebackers this

Through Thick And Thin.

Often, irony shows up in the most unlikely of places. On the gridiron is no exception.

The irony? It seems that Pete Walker's defensive secondary is of primary concern when contemplating any weaknesses, on this year's varsity squad. The concern is not at the level of talent, as the Gator defensive backs are very thick in talent, but very thin in depth. Walker is confident that starters. Tito but very thin in depth. Walker is confident that starters. Tito Maribell and Boo Baêz at safeties will provide a "hitters" presence in the deep middle. They are excellent in run support, as well as offering a intimidating thought to any receiver even thinking about a middle route. Coverage corners Jake Davis

Coverage corners Jake Davis and Ronald Rimes are superb and Ronald Rimes are superb man-on-man, stay in your pocket, kind of players. Sort of like gnats that just won't seem to leave you alone. Opposing passing games won't have huch to choose from, unless they elect to, put more men out in pass patterns. This will have the effect of opening up the pass-rush for the Gator defensive line and linebackers, making life rush for the Gator defensive line and linebackers, making life miserable for the opposing

miserable for the opposing quarterback.

The lone potential downside to the Gator pass defense is this: three of the four starters in the defensive backfield also start on offense, offering up the potential for wear and tear. If this extended playing time results in injuries or exhaustion, the Gators may have problems,

considering their lack of depth. This will shift an added load of responsibility back on to the defensive front to apply more suffocating pressure. I don't see this as being an overbearing issue, as these kids have all been very active in the summer conditioning program, and should be in excellent shape once kickoff rolls around.

Leadership Takes

Many Forms
Coach Pete Walker, age 33,
has a eagey wisdom and
presence that belies his age. presence that belies his age. Pete knows that the team is exactly that, a bunch of individuals working for the betterment of the entire group. There are no superstars, on this team, just a series of disciplined. team, just a series of disciplined diligent contributors to the team concept. Pete Walker loves this, for he knows that to have "Success on the small school level, where the talent pool is significantly more limited than many of his field opponents, the ingredients of technique, discipline, role, contribution and humility play a huge part in the overall life of these kids-never mind the team's won-loss record. His players revel in this and take Coach Walker's teachings to heart. They all know that, to win, each must be a smaller, yet win, each must be a smaller, yet integral, piece in a much larger puzzle. If one piece is missing, then the puzzle is not complete. Here, in the immortal words of Star Trek's Mr. Spock, "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few."

Crystal Ball

Two shortcomings on this year's Gator squad; lack of team depth and a dearth of team year's tutor squain, inch it cam speed. I believe the Gator's, through their off-season conditioning program, which boasted a 95% participation rate, will overcome the depth issue. But, team speed may be another issue entirely. Taking into account that the Gators play many larger schools, ones with much deeper talent pools to dip into, they may have a problem with opposing speed burners. I believe, though, that Coach Walker's commitment to the team concept, installing discipline and a positioning strategy, will help the Gators to overcome this to a great degree. strategy, will help the Gators to overcome this to a great degree. More so, "it he Gators can, as I believe they will, chew up large blocks of time with tileir grind-it-out rushing game and possession passing strategy, opposing teams will be forms will be into a quick score mentality. opposing teams will be forced into a quick score mentality, really opening up a "duck shoot" for the Gator pass rush. I understand Coach Walker to be a wise man, someone who will cater to his team's strengths. Look for him to emphasize the running game and run defense as a catalyst for the balance of the attack.

the attack.

If effective, I see the Gators racing into the district playoffs with a regular season record of 7-2.

Fishing with Walt Reynolds

The rains this past week ave lowered thewater have lowered thewater temperature on Lake Okechobee a few degrees to a more acceptable 87 degrees in the afternoon. The rain has also kept the lake at a higher level than normal for this time

of year.

The early morning hours are still your best bet to catch a good number of fish. You also stand a better chance of getting in your fishing without having to get off the lake when the afternoon thunderstorms to, get off the lake when the afternoon thunderstorms were large working well when the wind jan't blowing, and a soft jerk bait's such as a Slugo or floating worm will work if the wind is blowing. Don't hesitate to throw a RattleTrap if the wind is moving the water, especially throw a RattleTrap if the wind is moving the water, especially if you see fish schooling on the surface of open water.

The open water areas will give you good action using a Carolina Rig or Texas rigged



Walt Reynolds

worm around the rock piles or dropoffs along the reef. One very popular area is the Iron Cross and the spoil islands Cross, and the spoil islands near the water tower going out from the Clewiston locks. Incidentally, the locks on the Okechobee Waterway at Ortuna are still closed and will be until at least the end of September

To all a good bite.... Walt Reynolds, Touring Pro

Glades Track girls e U.S.A. Track and Fiel **Olympics**

By Philip Korn Sports Editor

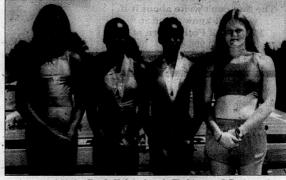
The Glades Track Club, led by Coach Mike White, traveled to the far reaches of America this past week to compete in the United States of America Track and Field Junior Olympic Championships. The four girls who traveled were all qualifiers at the national level, and had earned the right to

The meet, held in Seattle, Washington, boasted the highest level of junior track and field in America. Not only did the girls enjoy

the travel and the taste Americana, but they performed beautifully in their events. Kristin White, competing in both the Javelin and the Discuss, finished in 20th place

nationally in each event.

Anita Perkins finished in 5th
place overall in the Pentathlon,
a grueling event that encompasses five individual events run on the same day. In open events, Anita finished in 16th place in the high jump, 9th place in the Javelin, 22nd place in the long jump and 23rd place



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Glades Track Club in Seattle Washington: L-R Tiffany Summerall, Anita Perking, Geneeka Morris and Kristin White

in the 1,500 meter run. A 12th place in the 80 meter superb all-around performance. hurdles. Geneeka Morris entered the Pentathlon competition ranked national qualifier, was unable 10th, but surprised the field in the surprised that the surprised that the surprised the surprised that the surprised the surprised that finishing overall in 4th place. Geneeka also competed in many open events, finishing in 30th place in the high jump and

injury.

It was all-around excellent performance for Coach White and his squad.

This meet effectively ends the competitive season for the girls and they will spend their time in school, training, and in various road race events held around the state.

Three cheers for a job well

The recently

Pahokee runners leave their mark

By Philip Korn Sports Editor

Coach Gerome Powell escorted the Pahokee Track Club qualifiers to Norfolk, Virginia this past week to participate in the AAU Junior Olympics

Olympics.

The boys left their mark on vouth scene, the national youth scene, performing superbly in their

Leonard Pitts burst upon the scene, placing second in all three of his events, the 100 meter sprint, the long jump and the 200 meter hurdles.

Keith Babb also excelled, finishing fourth in the 400 meter sprint and the 4x800 meter relay. He also placed

sixth in the 800 meter run.

Shahiem Blackmall came in
11th in the 300 meter run,
12th in the 800 meter run and
14th place in the 1500 meter

These excellent performan-These excellent performances—stand out in an even greater light, considering the highest level of national competition these boys faced at the AAU meet.

Their results are testament to their superior dedication towards training, fitness, and diet, as well as a reflection on the excellent job of coaching done by Goach Powell and his

done by Coach Powell and his

assistants.

Well done boys! We're certainly proud of your dedication and performance.

Free sports physicals available for all student-athletes Southern Boulevard on Palms West Hospital. evard on the campus of

Area students are encouraged to take advantage of the free sports physicals being offered at Palms West Outpatient Rehabilitation and Aquatics Center on Saturday, August 15th.

Free sports physicals will be offered between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.,

and will be performed by area physicians.
All interested students are asked to All interested students are asked to schedule an appointment by calling 561-792-8075 anytime between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Palms West Outpatient Rehabilitation and Aquatics Center in located at 12977

opened center houses state-of-the-art rehabilitation and exercise equipment as well as a 15'x30' heated therapeutic pool.

For more information, pl the center at 561-792-8075.

Hit 'em straight, for the kids

West County Mental Health and the Palm-Beach County Sherrit's Office will host their annual "Steve Haller Memorial Tee-Off For Kids" Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 12, 1998 at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf

12, 1395 at the bejie Gade "Authorph Gol Course. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the children's programs of the clinic and the Palm Beach County Explorer Post #611. The tournament is a 4 personal scramble format. Registration is \$40° and includes 18 holes of golf, green and cart fees, lunch, door prize and a gift bag. A lucky player can win a

new Chevrolet Malibu, courtesy of Steve Moore Chevrolet of Belle Glade by making a hole in one. Other prizes, including weekend getaways, golf equipment, dinners and free golf will also be awarded. Golfers may register by calling 996-6605

The committee is also seeking support in the form of sponsorships and door prizes. To help, please call Joseph Amato at 992-1330, John Raulerson at 996-1670, or Ken Schenck at 924-

Let's get this party started right!



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How much time he gains who does not look to see what his neighbor says or does or thinks, butly at what he does himself, to make it just and holy.

—Marcus Aurelius Antoninus



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Forest Hill High School
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Opponent
LaBelle High School
Benjamin School
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St. Edward's School
Gulf Coast H.S.
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David P

FOR THE FANS

Lodging tips for the NASCAR circuit:

In most instances, hotel rooms will cost more than twice as much as normal during withston Cup race' weekends.

Most excessive pricegouging: Dover, Del.

Honorable mention: Dav-

■ Honorable mention: Day-tona Beach, Fla., during Febru

ary Speedweeks ■ Most reasonable lodging: chmond, Va.

■ Honorable mention: tlanta, Phoenix. ■ Most difficult placent nticipate traffic patterns:

amorpate traffic patterns:
Michigan Speedway.
■ In general, try to find lodging on the side of the track opposite major cities. Warning: It won't be easy.

Non't be easy.

Nearby communities with wailable rooms: Myrtle Beach near Darlington, S.C.), Birming-am (Talladega, Ala.), Ann Arbor Brooklyn, Mich.).

Beware criminals in South.

(Brooklyn, Mich.).

Beware criminals in Southern California. During races at California Speedway last year, thieves hit several fans and tearn-nembers in the parking lots. Oncles in Ontario and Fontario.

GM

Farts

Check out the amenities (golf, horseback riding, especially) at the rustic resort hotels in the Poconos.

Be sure to check ahead if are planning to camp out at tracks. The cost and available conveniences vary widely.

Alternative entertainment the NASCAR circuit:

on the NASCAR circuit:

Las Vegas: Enough said.

Within easy range of Winston Cup venues are the Major Lesgue Baseball teams in San Francisco and Oakland (Sears Joriti, Altanta (Baladega), Philadelphia and Batthrore (Dover), Boston (New Hampshire), Detroit (Michigan) and Aringtion (Texas).

If I Arizona State is playing at home, check out a Sun Devilla home football game while at Phoenib. The home crowd is, one of the country's loudest.

If you're a golfer, the courses in Pinehurst and Southern Pines are within an

Courses in Pinenurst and Southern Pines are within an hour's drive of North Carolina Motor Speedway. Pinehurst also hosts the golf hall of fame.

CUP CIRCUIT THE WINSTON

THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT DALE EARNHARDT He and Richard



Petty are the only Winston Cup dri-vers to win seven championships.

■ He has won 28 races at Daytona International Speed way but only two in official Winston Cup events.

■ He has never

won the Daytona 500 ■ His father, Ralph Earnhardt,

was a short-track driving legend who died of a heart attack at the

age of 45, in 1973.
■ His full name is Ralph Dale
Earnhardt. His father's full name w

■ He made his first Winston Cup start in 1975 but did not win a race until his "official" rookie year, 1979.

One year after being named Rookie of the Year, he won his first championship.

His son Dale Jr. will compete as a rookie on the Busch Grand National

rookie on the Busch Grand National circuit this year.

His legendary "pass in the grass" really wasn't. During the 1987 Winston, he drove through the Charlotte Motor Speedway tri-oval to maintain a lead over Bill Elliott.

He is a fan of singer Delbert McClinton.

mcciinton.

■ Three of his 70 Winston Cup victories were in Ford Thunderbirds.

■ Three times he has won two championships in a row: 1986-87, 1990-91, 1993-94.

■ Since his official rookie season, only twice has he gone through a season without winning at least one race: in 1981, while driving for three

different car owners, and in 1997, with Richard Childress.

Six of his seven championships occurred while driving for Childress. The first, 1980, was with Rod

PROFILE -

Jack Sprague



Jack Sprague talks NASCAR this week.

By Monte Dutto

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week
Each of the three champions of the Craftsman Truck
Series has seen his career
take off due to the exposure
generated by SuperTruck
competition. Mike Skinner, the 1995 champion, was Winston Cup Rookie of the Year last Cup Rooke of the Year last year. A ride in the series gave Ron Hornaday, the 1996 champ, national attention after years as one of the West Coast's leading short-track campaigners.

Jack Sprague, the most ceant judgment of the West Hornaday, and the series of the West Hornaday of the West Sprague, the most procent champion, will drive a limited Winston Cup schedule this year in a Monte Carlo owned by Hendrick Motorsports, for whom he will defend his SuperTruck title. Sprague made more than 70 starts in the Busch Grand National series, but he made his reputation beginning in 1996, when he finished second in Truck Series points and

became known as "Big Track Jack" for his expertise on superspeedways. perspeedw AGE: 33

WIFE: Rhonda HOMETOWN: Spring Lake,

Mich.
WHAT ARE THE MAJOR
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN A
CUP CAR AND A CRAFTSMAN TRUCK? 'There's not
a whole lot of difference. Their
body and aerodynamics are
different, but as far as weight
and such goes, they're about
the same.'

and such goes, they're about the same."

DO YOU HAVE A TIMETABLE FOR MOVING TO WINSTON CUPP "Not really. I'd like to do it full-time. I'd like to do it soon, I've had chances to But, for now, I've decided to stick it our here. And hopefully, I'll be able to run regularly in Winston Cup soon, but I'm of hurrying it. I'm still young, I've gyot a lot of years left."

DO YOU DRIVE A

CHEVROLET AS A RESULT OF WORKING WITH HENDRICK, OR IS IT MORE A MATTER OF PREFERENCE? "I haven't driven anything other than the Chevrolet. It's kind of a one-sided deal. I haven't run anything but Chevrolets, and Hendrick ran Chevrolets, so it wasn't an option. It just worked out that way."

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DO YOU THINK STOP-PING THE TRUCK ST HALFWAY TAKES AWAY FROM THE PROFESSIONAL ASPECT OF THE TRUCK SERIES? "No. At first! thought it might, but now I like it. It leaves the racing out on the race track, and not into and out of the pits. Ninety percent of these teams-can't afford to have a full pit crew. If we needed to have a full-fledged pit crew on this team, we'd have one, but I've spent most of my career on teams who couldn't."

Dear NASCAR This Week,
I am writing you to find out just
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I the time. Every time GM starts wining races, NASCAR cuts them so
the Ford can win all the races. When
Ford Motor Co. said it was going to
quit making the Thunderbird, I knew they would win the championship this year. That just shows Ford cannot do it on its own. They
have to have someone to cheat for
until they can stop showing
favoritism.
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Dear NASCAR Fan.
What you say is a matter of opinion and varies year to year. For instance, when Chevrolet was within ming manufacturers' championships in 1995 and 1996, Ford fans felt as if the Monte Carlo was given unfair advantages. It just depends on what side of the fence you're on.

NASCAR would prefer that each make win its share, and its rule changes are for the purpose of equalizing competition. Sometimes it works; sometimes it doesn't.

Dear NASCAR This Week, Prior to Jeff Gordon, what Win-on Cup drivers had No. 24 on his

Jeff Johnson . Englewood, Tenn.

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Dear NASCAR This Week, I've been trying to find out the number of Parnelli Jones' 1963 car. My husband calls me by that name! Ha. I guess it's because of my lead

Debbie Stowe Mecton, Tenn.

Dear NASCAR Fan,

We are assuming you are refer-ring to "Galhoun," the roadster in which Jones won the 1963 Indi-anapolis 500. That car was No. 98,

If you've got a question or a comment, write: NASCAR This Week Your Turn, c/o The Gaston Gazette, 2500 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia,

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Who were the two drivers who compiled 42 top-five finishes in a single season?

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Charley Pressley signs on as crew chief of Morgan-McClure

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less than a week for Chartoy Pressary resurface.

Pressley, who reingred at Larry Pressley, who reingred at Larry Pressley, and me are packed by Tim Brewer, is the new crew chief at Morgan-McClure. Team owner Larry McClure said Pressley is already on the job, preparing Bobby Hamilton's Chevrolet for the Bud at the Cilen. The son of short-week legend Bob three Morganian of the three Morganian of the three Morganian of the three Morganian of the sa native of Asheville but will so move to Abingdon, Wa, where McClure's team is situated.

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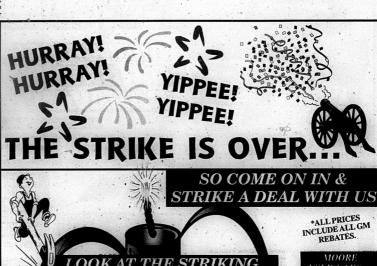
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15, 1998, for the purpose of electing two commoners, each for a term of two years. There will
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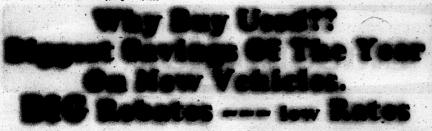
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